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REPORT

TOPIC Stendal-Borstel Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. The following air activity was observed at Stendal-Borstel airfield between 4 April and 5 May 1953:
4 to 12 April: There was only a little air activity except on 8 and 11 April between 3 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. when intensive flying was practiced by dark-green Il-10s.
13 April: Two biplanes took off at 9:30 a.m.
14 April: No air activity was observed.
23 and 30 April: Almost every day, individual flights were made by Il-10s and biplanes. There was night flying on 23 April.
2 May: An Il-10 with the No 22 was observed aloft. At 10 a.m., eight parachute jumps were made east of the field. Night flying was practiced after nightfall.
5 May: Twenty Il-10s were counted at the field and more planes of the same type were probably stationed there.
2. [redacted] additional construction material, mostly bricks, had arrived at the target ranges. An additional six express train coaches without glass panes were observed near the concrete strip in the northwestern corner of the field.¹
3. Between two hangars there was a radio mast, 8 to 10 meters, with a wire basket, about 2 meters high, which was round at the top with an estimated upper diameter of about 1.5 meters.²
4. Sedan [redacted] occupied by flying officers, entered and left the field and truck [redacted] was observed on the road from the field to Stendal.
5. At about 9:30 a.m. on 20 April, about 20 single-engine planes were parked in two rows opposite each other at the field. Aft of these two rows there were an additional 5 to 8 planes on which no details could be identified. Four of the single-engine planes took off about 10 a.m. During the night of 22 April, there was night flying while searchlights were in operation.¹
6. A dummy town was erected on a hill in a large clearing northeast of the field, between Borstel and Eichstedt. At a distance of 250 to 300 meters, there were six high lookout posts arranged side-by-side on a path and with a view to the dummy town.³

1. [redacted] Comment. Stendal-Borstel airfield is still believed to be occupied by an air reconnaissance regiment and a ground attack regiment. The aircraft observed represent

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a portion of the total aircraft strength of about 70 Il-10s assumed to be assigned to the two regiments.

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2. Comment. The radio installation was previously reported.

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3. Comment. This is the first information on the presence of a training field for firing at ground targets by the ground attack regiment stationed at Stendal-Borstel airfield.

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